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SUBJECT: Long-Range Planning Process for the Intelligence Community

In response to your 1 July 1983 request for contributions to Phase I of the subject process, I worked up the following issue for your consideration: STAT

Issue: The Third World Nuclear Threat

The process of developing and acquiring nuclear weapons capabilities long underway in a number of countries   25X1
in the 1970s and 1980s, and   25X1
in the 1980s and 1990s) is likely to culminate in the emergence of both direct and indirect threats to US security interests in the next decade and beyond. Direct threats, in the sense that in regional conflicts, nuclear weapons could be used against the US, its military forces, or its allies. Indirect threats, in the sense that the transition from non-weapon to weapon state is profoundly destabilizing -- i.e., the mere threat of imminent acquisition of nuclear weapons by Third World states is likely to arouse the anxieties of their neighbors, rivals, or adversaries and to precipitate violent counteraction that could easily escalate to wider war. Both the intelligence and the policy communities will have to devote more of their attention to anticipating and coping with such contingencies. The difficulty of coping with these, however, will be compounded by an international environment in which the established consensus on non-proliferation (NPT, IAEA, supplier country guidelines) may have broken down with an attendant lapse of restraints against nuclear technology diffusion.

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